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ENGLAND MAY RUN RAILROADS

WITH HER MILITARY. ALREADY SHE PLACED THE COUNTRY ON A WAR BASIS REGARDING THE FOOD SITUATION AND ECONOMIC CONTROL. MAIL IS BEING DELIVERED BY AIRPLANES.

London, Sept. 27.—The decision of the employees of the underground system of London to strike has tied up the traffic of the city, and as a result the crowds of people are unable to get to their work and are employing bicycles, and skates for this purpose, the buses seemingly inadequate for the purpose. The drivers of these are reaping a harvest. The government is seriously considering running the railroads of the country with the military. Already the whole of England is on a war basis regarding food and the necessities of life. So far the Irish roads are running and the employees have not struck. The government so far has failed in its negotiations with the workmen.

MARKETS

COTTON

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, Sept. 27.—The cotton market opened with October 32.30, Dec. 32.50, Jan. 32.60, March 32.85, May 33.87.

At noon October was 32.12, Dec. 32.42, Jan. 32.51, March 32.62, May 32.75.

Spots Wilson market 31.10. New York, Sept. 27.—The cotton market showed continued activity but considerable irregularity following the big advance of yesterday. There was a good deal of realizing over the week end and some Southern selling and prices opened from 12 to 21 points lower.

New York, Sept. 27.—The market closed easy with October 32.12, December 32.33, January 32.48, March 32.60, May 32.75.

New York, Sept. 27.—Crucible Steel was one of the sensational features of the stock market at today's trading and added almost seven points to yesterday's advance. General Motors gained almost five points and the gains in the other Steels were notable. Gains of from one to three points were recorded. United States Steel was fairly steady but the Oils and Food issues gained from one to two points. The rails made moderate advances.

CAR SHORTAGE BOOSTS

SALE OF MOTOR TRUCKS

The car shortage which is beginning to be seriously felt in many parts of the country has already had its effect upon the sales of motor trucks. In August the sale of Mack Trucks alone increased 64 per cent over those for July, and the sales for September continue at the same high rate.

The large proportion of sales of heavy duty trucks indicates that the buyers purchased trucks to enable them to haul large quantities of material that they evidently feel they cannot count on the railroads to handle.

Commenting on the situation, R. E. Fulton, vice president of the International Motor Company, said, "There is just one solution to our present industrial troubles, and that is the production of necessary supplies on the largest scale possible, an efficient prompt, thorough and efficient distribution. Through its transportation efficiency and economy, the motor truck is giving material aid in advancing both production and distribution. Reliance on motor trucks will become more imperative with the coming of cold and unfavorable weather."

FRANCE ANGERED AT AMERICA

Her People Feel That It is
Cold Blooded Selfishness
on Part of

MEMBERS OF THE SENATE

Paris, Sept. 26.—In French eyes the United States Senate is undoubtedly the most unpopular legislative body in the world, at this moment. That lesson is inevitably drawn from the brief but turbulent conflict between the government and parliamentary peace commission in the Chamber of Deputies on Wednesday.

As the result of this debate French opinion, for the first time, envisages a League of Nations with America outside of it. And no Frenchman believes that such a league, composed as it would be of conflicting interests and deprived of pacific and steady influences from across the Atlantic, could possibly prevail.

Finding support in the Republican Senators uncompromising attitude which they interpret as meaning Americans are for America and to hell with the rest of the world, the reactionary elements here are proclaiming louder than ever that all Frenchmen must think only of France and let the League of Nations hang. Even this faction, however, dislikes the United States Senate because of its hesitancy to approve the Franco-American defensive alliance.

As for the Liberals and Moderate Socialists, they are disgusted for obvious reasons with the doings of the Americans at the Capital. They feel, however, that imperfect as the treaty may be as an instrument, the Republican efforts to pull it to pieces at this stage are incentive to militarism and the immediate employment of physical force, after the Rumanian model. Among the Bolsheviks there is rejoicing, of course.

But the important question is:

If the United States does not ratify the league and the covenant what is the treaty worth and what becomes of our American Alliance and our other guarantees?

Premier Clemenceau's sardonic response to the effect that the league would go on without America has elicited from Marcel Cochin, one of the most extreme socialists, a bitter comment.

Then there would be in the league only those who do not believe in it.

Premier Clemenceau somewhat vaguely allusion to the probable ratification of the Franco-American alliance left the Chamber cold.

The dupes, quite evidently, felt that it was highly doubtful the Senate would approve that if it rejected the cardinal clauses of the main treaty.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Roanoke Association held its annual meeting with the Tarboro Baptist church, Sept. 25 and 26. Dr. Livingston Johnson addressed the union on the evening of Sept. 25.

Mrs. R. C. Josey of Scotland Neck spoke on the 75 million campaign, Mrs. W. N. Jones of Raleigh, made the principal address of the day. Among other interesting speakers was Mrs. Foy Johnson Willinghouser, a returned missionary from Japan.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Walter Daniel of Weldon, the W. M. U. of the Roanoke Association is planning to do a great work the coming year, not only for home and foreign missions but also for our own association.

The following ladies were in attendance from Wilson: Mrs. Petrus, Mrs. McLean, the Misses Taylor, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Culpepper, Mrs. Moss, and Mrs. Lassiter.

FIVE DEFENDANTS FAIL TO APPEAR

And Forfeit Their Bands. An
Effort to Prove the Mill
Owners Had

FORMED A CONSPIRACY

Albemarle, Sept. 26.—Five of the twenty-seven textile mill operatives charged with rioting and conspiracy to resist the law, were absent and forfeited their bonds when the cases of the twenty-seven were called for hearing before Justice of the Peace Littleton here today. D. E. Porter, another defendant, who was wounded in the disorder at the Wiscasset mill on September 15, was said to be still unable to attend trial. The day was consumed in hearing State's evidence against the 21.

Albemarle, Sept. 26.—Evidence to prove that the manufacturing interests in Albemarle with their friends are guilty of conspiracy to break the laws of the State of North Carolina almost got into the record of the court today and the battle to keep it out was fiercely waged all day, wordy arguments between the prosecution taking up much time.

The first meeting of the textile operatives in Albemarle for the purpose of hearing a speaker and organizing a union was broken up by a party led by an unknown man who announced himself as the high sheriff of Stanly county, and ordered speaker, M. G. Ledford, to leave the county at once. Backed into a corner by an enraged audience, he pulled a gun on them, which was taken from him. Report at the time had it that he escaped ducking in the nearby creek by giving the Masonic signal of distress. Ledford, being a Mason also, intervened and the man was allowed to leave. This occurred some three months ago.

Today Frank Dunn, witness for the State, admitted on cross-examination that he was present on this occasion and that he saw there Messrs. Joe Cannon, Jap Efrd, Titus Efrd, Alma Smith, M. L. Rogers, all associated with the mills, and Tom Maness and C. P. McSwain, deputy sheriffs. E. C. Hendricks, an overseer in the Wiscasset mills, was also a reluctant witness to the presence of these people.

Solicitor Brock objected to the introduction of this evidence at this time as not bearing on the case and made the statement that at the proper time he expects to investigate this other fight. Asked when, he replied, "That's my business," immediately following with the assurance that he intended no abruptness, only that the State was directing the case. Judge Thomas A. Jones held the belief that since the prosecution is introducing various matters pertaining to the membership and meetings of the labor unions it might also be held that evidence showing that effort was made on the part of the mill owners to prevent the organization of the union by the unlawful breaking up of their first meeting could be considered. Judge Littleton ruled with the prosecution.

A number of witnesses told the story of the deputizing of numbers of men on the day of the shooting by the simple process of the mayor or a policeman or Mr. Jim Lowder, former alderman but present status unfixed in the record, going through a ceremony of creating special police by saying: "I deputize you special officer of the town of Albemarle," presenting a card bearing: "Special officer appointed Sept. 15, 1919, J. A. Groves, Mayor," and bestowing as a kind of identifying accolade a bit of blue ribbon for the buttonhole.

Evidence was much the same as in the Ritchie-Graham cases. Many of the same witnesses were introduced and their testimony was the same of the things heard in these meetings. When it came to the

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SITUATION IN STEEL DISTRICT

GERMANY MUST EVACUATE LITHUNIA

Notified by the Allies That Her
Food Will Be Cut Off
Unless She Obeys

NOTIFIED BY GEN. FOCH

Paris, Sept. 27.—The Supreme Council decided today to send the German government a note demanding the evacuation of Lithuania, and that unless the order was obeyed a drastic course would be pursued. Germany's food will be cut off and the blockade will again be imposed. The message is sent through General Foch, commander of the allied forces.

Greenville Putting Final Touches On.

Greenville, S. C., Sept. 27.—Final plans were completed today and the last touches of the program for the entertainment of the 30th division, and its first annual reunion of the Old Hickory Brigade. Some thirty thousand members of the division are expected from North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.

MASONIC TEMPLE FOR GREENSBORO.

Greensboro, Sept. 27.—By reason of the generous offer of J. E. Latham to give property worth \$100,000 for the erection of a Masonic Temple, the gift being in memory of his son, Edward Latham who died while in a military camp, makes possible for Masons of Greensboro to anticipate a long desired object. A strong committee has been appointed to make provision for meeting the conditions of the Latham gift. It is proposed to erect a building to cost in the neighborhood of \$400,000.

This will be done by securing subscriptions from Masons in this territory, accepting the Latham gift and issuing bonds of the remaining amount needed. The lot tendered by Mr. Latham is about one-half a block, lying between Davie, Forbis, Sycamore and Market streets. This lot may not be used for the building. Certainly all of it would not be needed, but the whole of the property may be sold and the building erected elsewhere. Though Mr. Latham's gift was made on the basis of \$100,000, local Masons believe that the property donated is worth \$150,000. Edward Latham, in whose name the gift is made, was a 32nd degree Mason, and a popular young man for his age. He was the only son of Mr. J. E. Latham, who is one of Greensboro's worthiest and most progressive citizens.

An ordinance providing for the proposed extension for the corporate limits for the city of Greensboro was introduced at the meeting of the board of commissioners this afternoon. It will lie on the table one week, and then will be called up for passage. The proposed boundary begins at a point one mile north of the present corporate limits and circumscribes the present boundary of the city at an approximate distance of one mile outside the old limits.

President Had a Good Night
On Board the President's Car—
President Wilson passed a good night's rest and slepht throughout. His physician was not even called through the night.

TOBACCO MARKET CLOSED
The tobacco market has been closed until Wednesday, October the first, in order to give everyone an opportunity to attend the circus, and also to give the tobacco men an opportunity to clean up the floors and get a rest from the exertion due to the strenuous work since the market opened. The market will be in good shape by Wednesday.

BOTH SIDES CLAIM THEY WILL WIN. THE REAL TEST COMES ON MONDAY WHEN A STRIKE HAS BEEN ORDERED IN THE BETHLEHEM STEEL WORKS. BIG MEETING AT YOUNGSTOWN TO- MORROW.

The strike situation in the steel district is unchanged today with both sides claiming the advantage. The real test of strength comes Monday morning when the strike which has been ordered at the Bethlehem Steel Works demonstrates the number of strikers that obey the order.

The mill owners declare that they are entirely satisfied with the situation and that the next week of the strike will show a serious defection from the ranks of the workmen who are being tired out. On the other hand the strike leaders insist that the strike is growing and more mills are closing every day or running on shorter time. A mass meeting will be held at Youngstown tomorrow, but the purpose of the meeting has not been disclosed by the laboring men who are seeking to rally their forces for the great struggle next week which is considered the crucial test of the strength of the opposing sides.

Strike At Bethlehem Mills Ordered.

Pittsburg, Sept. 27.—The Committee for the organization of the steel and iron and mill workers has been ordered in the Bethlehem Steel Mills to begin Monday morning at six o'clock.

Mob Attempts to Lynch Negro.

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 27.—A mob of 1,500 persons attempted to take Will Brown, a negro from the sheriff and lynch him. The negro was charged with assaulting a young woman and when arrested it required two-thirds of the police force to save him. Later he was taken from the police station where he was first confined, to the county jail. Excitement runs high.

Negro Shoots Police Officer.

Jacksonville, Fla., Sept. 27.—Claude Howell a negro who had been arrested on a charge of killing a police officer, Will Turckett, early Friday morning, has confessed his crime to Policeman Frederick Roach. The negro says that he was intoxicated with meanwh mean whiskey and shot the officer when the latter approached him.

Patti, The Great Singer, Dead.

London, Sept. 27.—Adeline Patti, the great primadonna died this morning at Persycole, South Wales.

President Slept Well Last Night.

On Board the Presidents Train—
Sept. 27.—President Wilson, who is returning to Washington in an exhausted state, is described as about the same, and that he rested during the night, and was able to get considerable rest.

Just before his special reached Indianapolis, Dr. Grayson, his physician, issued the following notice:

The Presidents condition is about the same. He spent a restful night. (Signed) Grayson.

He said that was all he has to say, with the exception that the condition of the President was not alarming, but that he needed a period of rest. It was learned that the President slept well during the night and slept the greater part of it.

A FINE ORGANIZATION

Dr. I. W. Mercer pastor of the Baptist church has just returned from Wilmington where he attended the training centre of the drive for the \$75,000,000 campaign which is being put on by the Baptists beginning November 30th. Dr. Mercer is greatly pleased with the prospects and the fine organization which is being worked out. The meeting was attended by fifty representative members who are pastors and chairmen of their respective districts.